

HOUSE RESOLUTION 130
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Rufus Bailey of
Sullivan County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of John Rufus "J. R." Bailey; and

WHEREAS, J. R. Bailey was an exemplary individual and consummate professional who
worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities;
and

WHEREAS, an estimable and hard-working farmer, J. R. Bailey also owned Bailey's
Fertilizer and Supply; and

WHEREAS, for more than forty-five years, Mr. Bailey served with acumen and alacrity
as the Sullivan County Constable, in which position he earned the respect of his peers for the
exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he received numerous awards for his law enforcement work from the
Sullivan Gardens Optimist Club, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the City of Kingsport Police
Department, and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department and was instrumental in the
formation of the Sullivan West Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the ideals of education, J. R. Bailey was a lifelong supporter of
Sullivan Elementary School, Sullivan Middle School, and Sullivan West High School; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to community service, Mr. Bailey dutifully served on the
Sullivan County Federal Service Agency Commission; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, J. R. Bailey proudly served his
country, protecting and upholding the freedoms we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, J.R. Bailey was an active and devout member of the Glen Alpine United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bailey was preceded in death by his parents, Jonathan Harlan and Nellie Childress Bailey, and his brother and sister-in-law, Paul Thomas Bailey and Bonnie Bales Bailey; and

WHEREAS, J. R. Bailey will be missed by his loving wife of thirty-six years, Dana Gose Bailey; special niece and nephews, Paula Bailey Hinson, Michael T. Bailey, and Jonathan C. Bailey; his sisters, Louise Bailey Williams, Helen Lorene Bailey, Betty Bailey Harmon and husband, Alan, and Peggy Bailey Crawford and husband, Eugene; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and

WHEREAS, J. R. Bailey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of John Rufus "J. R." Bailey, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bailey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.